

CW remains a viable and needed mode. I would offer that most proponents of removing the code requirement have never tried handling a piece of message traffic using HF phone. They would soon discover that the practice is prone to errors, inefficiency and frustration. Morse Code, in the hands of an experienced operator on the other hand, is precise, efficient and easy to correct errors in messages. It's all a matter of practice.

For those stating that eliminating the code requirement will bring additional youth and a multitude of others into the amateur radio ranks had better think through what that very well might result in.

One need only listen to operating practices and rules violations occurring on the phone bands, and it will come immediately self-evident what is in store for amateur radio on an exponential basis.

Here's a philosophical question to consider for those advocating no-code; are you going to step forward and be actively involved in properly training all the newcomers you say will flock to amateur radio? Or are you simply advocating the removal of the code requirement from a self-serving standpoint?

If it's the latter, you will have succeeded in making amateur radio indistinguishable from what takes place on 11 meters.